

The ITALIAN BATTALION

On the Front Lines of World Evangelism

FIELD ADDRESS

Via Sovana 4
58100, Grosseto (GR), Italy
Phone 011+39+ (0564) 179-0060
Google Voice: (708) 497-9327
fmaietta@baptistworldmission.org
Facebook: Chiesa Biblica Battista di Grosseto



PO Box 2149
Decatur, AL 35602
(256) 353-2221
office@baptistworldmission.org



Dear Praying Friends,

August 2022

Wide Open - I don't generally give a title to our prayer letters, but this one deserves this catchy description. From Covid restrictions to head-spinning quantities of activity, "wide open" is the only way to describe our lives and ministry lately.

Covid rules – for over two years we have endured recurring cycles of more or fewer restrictions. This past April to June, Italy removed essentially all of its Covid restrictions. It is hard to describe the joy we experienced being able to meet in church without masks or seating capacity restrictions. This also allowed us to have church fellowship meals that were on hold for over two years.



Steadmans – Dr. and Mrs. Steadman ministered with us in May. Their trip to Italy that had been postponed two years in a row. Mrs. Steadman's Bible lesson for our church ladies was especially helpful.

Baptisms – Alessio and Ruth followed the Lord in believer's Baptism: Ruth is a German woman who has lived in Italy for several years but just recently found our church. After attending faithfully for several weeks, she received assurance of her salvation and immediately expressed her desire for baptism. Alessio had been saved last year. He also expressed his desire to follow the Lord in baptism.

Ukrainian guests – The four Ukrainian individuals we have hosted in our home returned to their home after three months with us. We are glad that Liubov, Nicola, Stanislav, and Stephan were able to reunite with their families. Please continue to pray for their safety and the unstable situation in Ukraine.



Vacation Bible School – This July we had the most fruitful VBS we have ever had. We had a steady attendance of 27-33 children each afternoon with four young people placing their faith in Jesus as their Savior.

Crows – Evangelist Paul Crow and family have joined us for ministry in Italy for most of the month of July. We held our first ever Summer Camp Meeting after our VBS program each night. The Crow's ministry among us has been an enormous encouragement and extremely edifying. We will be travelling with the Crows to other ministries in Italy for special meeting while they are here.

Cataract surgery – On a personal note, I praise the Lord for being able to get cataract surgery on my left eye after two years of waiting. Italy's Covid restrictions had all "unnecessary" surgeries on hold for an extremely long time. Finally being able to see and read out of both eyes has been such a huge blessing.



Our Children – Arianna has joined us for the summer from college. It is so wonderful to have her home and ministering in our church in music, children's and with our audio/visual system. Frankie has successfully completed US Army Airborne training. We are extremely proud of him and thankful for God's protection on his life. Katiana will be beginning her final year of high school soon and is always a huge help in many aspects of our church ministry.

Your fellow servants in Grosseto-Italy,

Frank, Jennie, Frankie, Arianna and Katiana Maietta